

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 816

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate Krystal Scarbrough upon being chosen as a 2014 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Krystal Scarbrough, the principal of the Chattanooga School for the Liberal Arts (CSLA), has devoted her career to helping students and teachers in Hamilton County, and for her valiant efforts, she is being chosen as a 2014 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association in Tennessee and will be recognized as such at the organization's 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Women of Distinction Awards Luncheon; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious event honors a number of women who have distinguished themselves in their professional, civic, and volunteer service, and the event also benefits the important work of the American Lung Association in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Krystal Scarbrough is a professional educator whose skill sets are geared toward building-level leadership and management, and she has demonstrated strategies and achieved successes which genuinely reveal positive outcomes of education reform in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, as the former principal at Clifton Hills Elementary School, Mrs. Scarbrough was successful in leading one of the twenty lowest-performing schools in the State to a status of Good Standing; and

WHEREAS, evincing wisdom and compassion, Principal Scarbrough met the real needs of her Clifton Hills students by supplying clothing and coats, food, other basic items, and gifts at

Christmas. She did this not only because she cares, but because she also knows mitigating the effects of poverty in the lives of children frees their minds to allow learning at higher levels; and

WHEREAS, Principal Scarbrough now leads the CSLA; thusfar, under her leadership, the school was named as the nation's top Elementary Magnet School in 2010 and earned Tennessee Reward School status in 2013 for test scores which rank in the top 5% in the State; and

WHEREAS, now serving a school that draws from an affluent community, Principal Scarbrough has perfected strategies to bolster CSLA students' educational experiences beyond the textbooks and classrooms. She institutes service-learning participation for every student, and a plethora of non-profit, social services organizations benefit from the more than 2,600 student volunteer hours which have been recorded; and

WHEREAS, Principal Scarbrough has held every office on the Hamilton County Principals Association Board, and she currently serves as a trainer for principals in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her professional endeavors, Mrs. Scarbrough is a credit to her community through her worship and work at Abba's House, where she has served on the pastor's council, has taught classes, and has organized several charitable activities. She also serves on the Friends of Hixson board and recently organized a "Clean & Green" day to beautify the community; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Scarbrough is an award-winning professional and ardent community supporter, but she considers her single greatest success to be her family. She cherishes the love and companionship of her husband, Carl, and their children, Heather, Andrew, and Stephen; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Krystal Scarbrough takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like

Mrs. Scarbrough, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and congratulate Krystal Scarbrough on being named a 2014 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association in Tennessee, thank her for all she has done to make Chattanooga and this State a better place to live and work, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.